

June 16, 2017

Supervisors Present: Mark Kingma, Kyler Laird, Lana Zimmer, and Mark Jordan

Supervisors Absent: Derek Luchik

Staff Present: Dan Perkins, Leslie Davisson, and Carolyn Ahler

Associates Present:

Partners Present: Bryan Overstreet and Kevin Shide

Citizens Present:

I. Call to Order

Chairman Kyler Laird called the meeting to order at 8:20 am CST.

II. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the May meeting were presented for approval. Mark J and Mark K motioned to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report, Claims (on back)

The report and claims in the amount of \$1,692.86 from May were presented for approval. Mark K and Lana motion to approve the report and claims. Motion carried. The report will be filed for audit.

IV. Correspondence

No correspondence this month.

V. Old Business

- Dan has continued to track his mileage and location when travelling, but has not digitized it yet. He will do so and distribute. This month is looking to be about the same as last month.
- Notice of Intents for Kankakee WMP and Iroquois Implementation projects were submitted and approved by IDEM. Applications are due September 1st. KRBC suggested a maintenance/assessment project. Most current maintenance methods have been unsatisfactory. The plan could be used as a tool for better maintenance/assessment. A planning meeting with potential partners will be coordinated soon
- The Iroquois Implementation would be an extension of our current cost share program.

VI. New Business

- 2018 Budget Request proposal was presented for discussion. A change to the Furniture & Equipment line item was recommended. Lana motions and Mark J seconds to submit the proposed budget, with the change. Motion carried.
- St Joe has proposed a price of \$2,000 for their Hach machine, which is fair. Leslie said we could use money from our RC&D Water Quality/Drone funds to purchase the machine. We are able to use lab space at the WWTP, but will need to coordinate access during off-business hours. Mark J and Mark K motion to purchase the machine from St Joe, using those funds. Motion carried.

- Leslie will inquire about insurance for the roller crimper. If it's being trailed by an insured vehicle, it may be insured. We may need to ask for proof of insurance from users.
- Per the article Derek L shared, we may want to get more involved in pollinator projects and neonicotinoid research. There was some discussion about what our role should be whether it's conducting research or just fully understanding the research and providing education. We need to be objective and not alienate the farmers that use neonicotinoids. Identify the issues with soil and water particularly and educate based on that. Table more discussion until Derek is here.
- Weston Cemetery parking lot may not be the best site selection for pervious asphalt. There were a few technical questions that we will ask the contractor, but the board was receptive to fronting the money if happy with the responses from Austgen. Leslie will contact LaPorte County about their pervious experience and Mark K has a contact as well.
- **Roller crimper Workshop on June 28th** at Kyler's demo plots. Biomass samples have been collected at most crimped fields to contribute to the overall picture. Bryan O got some bug traps to put in the fields to assess good vs bad insects in the crimped plots for more information.
- **Notre Dame RCPP Outreach** meeting in Goodland on **June 27th**. Data from individual tiles will be privately available to landowner/operators.
- **Next Meeting** scheduled for **July 28th**

VII. Agency Reports

7.1 NRCS

- Kevin submitted his written report. There were no comments or questions.

7.2 ISDA

- No report

7.3 Office

- No report

Mark J and Mark K motion to adjourn and motion carried. Chairman Kyler Laird adjourned the meeting at 9:53am CST

Minutes approved

Respectfully submitted _____ Leslie Davisson